

Polk County Is the Source of Hundreds of Streams, and Not Even One Flows Into It From the North, South, East or West

FOREST FIRES RAGING

WASHINGTON, IDAHO AND MONTANA SUFFER LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

FIGHTERS DIE IN FLAMES

Some Are Burned and Flames Have Their Way Unchecked—Settlers Are Fleeing from Sections Threatened, Abandoning Property.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 23.—One hundred firefighters are reported dead in the flooded canyon near Wallace, Idaho, and five citizens were burned to death as the result of forest fires which for 60 days have terrified the country and which have spread to the town of Wallace, Idaho, a metropolitan of the mining district.

Wallace, Idaho, a town of 2,000 is burning, but the loss of life is as yet unknown, cries for help being answered as rapidly as relief parties can be made up. All available soldiers in this part of the country are being sent to the aid of the town.

Mullan, Idaho, Burning. Report that Mullan, Idaho, a town of 1,000 was burning was received. The town is in the heart of the timber and mineral district of the Northwest.

Wall of Fire 15 Miles Long. A wall of fire 15 miles long and as wide as the city is reported to be burning in the heart of the timber and mineral district of the Northwest.

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TEMPERATURE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN MENA.

Week Ending August 23, 1910.

	Max.	Min.	Mean	Precip.	Weather
Wed.	90	70	80	1.04	PCl'dy
Thurs.	86	72	77	0.13	PCl'dy
Fri.	89	70	79	0.00	PCl'dy
Sat.	90	70	80	1.14	PCl'dy
Sun.	92	79	85	0.00	Clear
Mon.	95	75	85	0.00	Clear
Tues.	95	75	85	0.00	Clear
Average temperature for week.	88	72	80		
Total precipitation.				2.31	

FIRES ARE ABATING

BELIEVED TO BE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN—CONSERVATIONERS WILL DISCUSS THEM.

PRESIDENT TAFT SENDS TROOPS

More Than 300 Lives Lost and Property Destroyed Is More Than \$20,000,000—Railroads Blocked and Travel Dangerous.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 24.—Five thousand square miles of timber land in western Montana and eastern Idaho are ablaze, and as much more territory has been laid waste by the worst forest fires in the history of the United States. The property loss is already \$20,000,000, according to careful estimates, and the desperate efforts of an army of 5,000 men to check the flames have proved futile.

It is believed that the death list will be over 300 when the final accounting is made. Fully 200 persons have been reported missing, and the known dead number more than 60.

Three More Reported. In Gallatin county one of which threatens to destroy valuable crops in the famous Gallatin valley. Two hundred men have left Bozeman and Logan to fight the flames.

Train service west from Helena and Butte on all three lines is more or less demoralized and hazardous as the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and St. Paul all report burned bridges involving detours and transfers.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 24.—Twenty persons are known to be dead as a result of the forest fires within a radius of 150 miles of Wallace. The death list for the entire fire-swept district of Northern Idaho is certain to reach 100 and probably more. It is impossible at the present time to make an accurate check on the missing.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Positive evidence that many of the forest fires in Oregon are of incendiary origin has been discovered by government agents, according to a telegram received at the offices of the forest service here from Mr. Cecil, an associate district forester.

No hint is given by the official that he suspects the purpose behind the efforts of the incendiaries. It is certain, however, that the fires will be much discussed in the coming conservation congress in St. Paul.

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TAFT AND SHERMAN

REPUBLICAN LEADERS AT OUTS OVER ROOSEVELT TURN-DOWN IN NEW YORK CONVENTION.

FOR ROOSEVELT AND HARMONY

President Produces Telegram to Vice President Sherman to Prove His Case—Starts an Annapolis Club Among New York Politicians.

New York, Aug. 24.—A bombshell was thrown into the camps of the Republican leaders of the "Old Guard" when a letter was made public by Lloyd C. Griscom sent to him by President Taft in connection with the recent defeat of Col. Roosevelt for temporary chairman of the Republican state convention and in which President Taft repudiated the methods of Vice-President James S. Sherman in securing the nomination over Mr. Roosevelt in the committee meeting of last week. No statement could be secured from any of the interested parties.

Sherman and Others Censured. Not only was Vice-President Sherman severely scored in the letter, but others who had to do with bringing about the coup at the committee meeting were also censured.

It will be interesting to see what the outcome of this controversy will be. It is certainly very unusual for a chief executive to be compelled to issue a statement of this character, bearing upon the conduct of a vice-president and nothing for months has caused such a ripple among politicians in New York state.

To make his charge of double dealing against Sherman doubly strong President Taft says Sherman talked the situation in the state over with him over the long distance telephone on Monday of last day week before the meeting of the state committee and urged that Senator Root be named as temporary chairman of the state convention.

Declined to Fight Roosevelt. President adds that he protested against the use of Root's name and "peremptorily declined to be drawn into the fight against Mr. Roosevelt."

He adds that he had no knowledge whatever that Sherman was a candidate until he read of the result of the meeting of the committee in the newspapers.

President Taft further declares that all statements that he desired the defeat of Col. Roosevelt or favored the election of Vice-President Sherman are "absolutely untrue." His letter was made public by Mr. Griscom and was in part as follows:

The President's Letter. "Beverly Mass., Aug. 20, 1910. "My Dear Mr. Griscom:

"As you know from your telephone conversation with my office I have steadily refused to admit the propriety or necessity of the president's replying to newspaper statements which are not based on any act or authorized word of his and have no sponsor. I am entirely willing, however, to reply categorically to your telegram of August 19 which has just arrived and which is as follows:

"I am informed and believe that several members of the New York Republican state committee who voted for Vice-President Sherman over ex-President Roosevelt as nominee as chairman of the state Republican convention did so believing that you was in sympathy with the movement.

"A member of the state committee told me before the meeting that Mr. Sherman's candidacy had been arranged with you by telephone the previous day. Efforts have been made to create an impression that you favor a particular candidate for election as state chairman. I want you to know that the injection of the name of a high member of your administration into a factional conflict has produced a most complicated situation and the absence of any authoritative information as to your attitude is seriously misleading many Republicans and impairing a movement for progressive party leadership and clean government in this state. I know you desire us to have a fair field and hope that this may be made clear to the public."

Statements That Are Untrue. "The suggestion that I have ever expressed a wish to defeat Mr. Roosevelt for temporary chairman of the convention or have even taken the slightest step to do so is wholly untrue I never heard Mr. Sherman's name suggested as temporary chairman of the state convention until I saw in the newspapers of August 16 that he had been elected at the meeting of the committee. When you called at my house Saturday evening, August 13, you told me that Mr. Roosevelt intended to go to the convention as delegate and you suggested incidentally his being temporary chairman, a suggestion I which I acquiesced. It did not occur to me that any one would object to it. This was the first time the subject of temporary chairmanship was mentioned to me by any action whatever with respect to it. After a full discussion of the New York state situation I drafted in your presence the following telegram and sent it to Mr. Sherman:

The Telegram to Sherman. "Beverly Mass., Aug. 14, 1910. "Hon. James S. Sherman, vice president, Utica, N. Y.: "Please say to Ward and Woodruff that I have had a long conference with

GRISCOM. HE CONFIRMS MY JUDGMENT

already expressed to you that the whole situation in New York may be saved without any humiliation to any one and with victory for the party by a full conference with Mr. Roosevelt and reasonable concessions with reference to platform and candidates.

"The thing of all other that ought to be avoided is a controversy in the convention. I am told by Griscom that such a conference with Mr. Roosevelt might conveniently be had and would be welcomed by him before the state committee meets on Thursday. Hope you will be able to report satisfactory solution when you come on Wednesday.

"WM. H. TAFT."

SHERMAN AND CURTIS ARE BOTH EXONERATED

Senator Gore Is Satisfied With Result of Investigation and Thinks the Indians Will Be Benefitted.

Sulphur, Okl., Aug. 23.—The select committee of the house of representatives to investigate Indian land affairs and the so-called McMurray contracts, and which also has been investigating the Gore bribery charges has issued the following statement:

"The committee has heard and carefully considered all of the testimony submitted and is unanimous in the opinion that there is and was no warrant for any person to use the names of Vice-President James S. Sherman and Senator Charles Curtis in connection with any improper relation with any Indian contract whatever."

In giving its decision the committee announced it had received from Senator Gore a statement relative to Vice-President Sherman and Senator Curtis and that the committee "commended" Senator Gore's statement. The committee's report was signed by Representatives Charles H. Burke, South Dakota; C. B. Miller, Minnesota; E. W. Saunders, Virginia; J. H. Stephens, Texas, and Philip H. Campbell, Kansas.

Before leaving to fill a lecture engagement Senator Gore said:

"The investigation is nearing completion. I am entirely satisfied with the result. It will eventuate in infinite good to the people of Oklahoma, both to the white man and to the red man. The affairs of the Indian will be wound up and without charge or cost to him. Whatever sacrifice may have been entailed on my part I submit to cheerfully. A public official must discharge his duties at any cost and at any sacrifice. I am content. Whatever abuse and calumny may have been poured out on me is but one of those things which must be expected by a public official in the pursuit of his duty."

BOOSTER FOR POLK COUNTY

C. W. Brickey Came Here Sick 13 Years Ago—Now, At 72 Years, Hale and Hearty.

C. W. Brickey was up from Hatfield Tuesday, and had his Weekly Star changed to the address of a daughter in Minneapolis. He has just sold his 160 acre farm to J. H. Thompson, who came recently from Texas, receiving \$1500 for it. With Mrs. Brickey he goes soon to the north, where he will visit for a time among relatives.

Mr. Brickey is 72 years of age, and is hale and hearty as also is Mrs. Brickey. When he came to Polk County in 1897 he was almost completely broken down with rheumatism and other troubles. He took up a quarter section of government land, however, and has done well financially, as well as completely recovering his health. He goes back among old "friends to 'boost' for Polk County, and says he will surely be back here next winter.

AGE AND WEIGHT NO HANDICAP

Mrs. E. J. Eddy, 80 Years Old, Walks and Enjoys It.

Mrs. E. J. Eddy, mother of N. W. Eddy, and J. M. Eddy his brother, are here from Forum, Ok., for a visit. Mrs. Eddy's mother, Mrs. W. C. Morrison and husband of Paris, Tex., are here also. Mrs. Eddy, though over 80 years old and weighing 214 pounds, has made two visits to the fairgrounds, walking both ways each trip from N. W. Eddy's home near First street and Maple avenue.

MISS FANNIE BATES DEAD.

Miss Fannie Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bates died Wednesday morning about 6 o'clock. She had been sick for several weeks with a fever, but it is thought that her death was caused by heart failure.

She was 19 years old. The funeral services were held today (Thursday) at the Odd Fellows cemetery. The time of day will depend on the arrival of kinfolks from Oden. The Rev. Mr. Finley will conduct the services.

TRY A SACK

of Hoffman's Bread Flour for light bread and biscuit—can't be beat for the money. Wren & Finley. 147 St

ACCUSED OF GRAFT

THREE FORMER RAILROAD OFFICIALS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT CHICAGO.

AMOUNT IS MORE THAN MILLION

President Marahan Had First Suspicion—Death of Vice President Rawn Alone Prevented His Arrest—Investigation Began a Year Ago.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Three former officials of the Illinois Railroad company were arrested in connection with the alleged frauds by means of which the company claims to have been defrauded out of \$1,500,000. The men arrested were:

Frank B. Harriman, former general manager.

Charles L. Ewing, former manager of lines north of the Ohio river.

John K. Taylor, formerly general storekeeper.

The warrants were sworn to by J. T. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central railroad. They charge the three men with conspiracy to cheat and defraud the railroad by false pretenses and with operating a confidence game. Harriman and Ewing were taken to the Harrison street police station. Their bonds of \$10,000 each were signed by a professional bondsman.

The allegations in the so-called graft case are among the most sensational in which high officials of a great corporation ever have been named. The investigation began over a year ago. It reached a crisis last spring when Mr. Harahan began actions to recover amounts aggregating more than \$1,000,000, obtained, the accusation says, by car repair companies in connivance with high officials of the road. Harriman, Ewing, Taylor and many other minor officials resigned their positions.

Much of the money is said to have been repaid privately. The name of Ira G. Rawn, vice-president of the road, who resigned to become president of the Monon, and who was found dead recently at his home with a bullet wound in his breast, was brought into the scandal. Murray Nelson, Jr., attorney for the Illinois Central, said that Rawn's death stopped warrants which would have been issued for him.

Private detectives working under the directions of Mr. Harahan are said to have disclosed frauds other than those connected with padded car repair bills. These are said to involve the diverting of \$1,000,000 or more from new construction. The investigators say they have obtained several confessions which will be used in their attempt to fasten the guilt on culpable persons.

TO OCCUPY QUIGLEY HOME

W. P. Harmon, Owner of the Davis Block, Will Arrive With Family in a Few Days.

W. P. Harmon, who a few months ago purchased of Dr. J. R. Davis the large brick block known as the Davis block, has secured the Quigley home for a residence, and with his household goods and family, will arrive from Kansas City within a few days.

The Quigley home has long been the pride of Mena, and since the owner's business interests force him to live in the West, it will be a source of satisfaction to all citizens to have it occupied by one who comes to Mena to make his home, as does Mr. Harmon. It is a question if there is on the American continent a more beautiful home than that created by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Quigley.

HAS GREAT FAITH IN MENA

M. W. Izard Says That Greater Prosperity is on the Way.

To the Editor of The Star. Dear Sir:—Enclosed find check to pay for my daily letters from the Queen City of the Ozarks for another year. I know you want to see Mena prosper, so get busy; don't miss an opportunity to give her a boost. Some have thought that Mena would be ruined when the division was moved, don't be uneasy about that. Start right now and get ready for the boom that is coming your way. There will more demands for farm lands in your community in the next six months than has been in the last six years. Insist on your people being ready, and also insist on them being conservative in prices. They can run good people out by the score by high prices. Where it is possible let them list their land in 40 acre tracts. The people who are coming don't want large tracts of land. You may say I speak confidently. Yes, I may. I have a reason for it. I have gotten on the inside to an extent. Have a "six-inch reader" placed in the Post, have it signed by some representative citizen; it will bring results. Thanking the brethren and friends for the honors they conferred upon me last Sunday and hope to be with you again in the not far distant future. I am your friend, M. W. Izard.

SMALLPOX FIZZLED OUT

Brought Home by Chester Davis June 29, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Davis Eliminated Disease.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Davis of this city have just passed through a trying experience with smallpox in their family, and have come off with flying colors—the disease banished and no trouble to anyone outside their own family.

June 29 last, Chester, a young son, returned from a visit to relatives at Stuttgart. He was sick, full of malaria and covered with mosquito bites.

But that wasn't all, a few days later on developed a plain case of smallpox. The city officials were notified, and, knowing well with whom they had to deal, did not feel it was necessary to establish a quarantine or even to post out the dreaded flag. They knew that Mr. Davis would take all steps necessary to prevent the spread of the disease.

Three weeks after Chester became sick, and after he was well, when it was thought the rest of the family would escape, little Lois, 2 1/2 years old, showed the unwelcome symptoms, fever and nausea. Three days later still, Harry, 17-year-old son, followed the lead, and a week later, Skee, the remaining son, apparently developed the disease, though in his case it did not reach the eruptive point, and he was hardly sick at all. Harry, the oldest boy, had only about a dozen "bumps", and none will bear any marks in future years.

When the last had gotten well, about two weeks ago, Mr. Davis, to use his own words, "was tired of being cooped up and decided if there was to be any more of the trouble, they would have it out in the woods." With that, the family was loaded into Mr. Davis' automobile, and with camp outfit, headed for the Cossatot river below Shady. There they went into camp, fished and enjoyed themselves in the big out-of-doors for ten days, and came home, tanned, hale and hearty. Mr. and Mrs. Davis did not contract the disease.

Mr. Davis says that all his life he has had the popular dread of smallpox, but since he has met it on familiar terms he feels somewhat different. He says that while they were at home they used in all perhaps four or five gallons formaldehyde, with which they kept the air well impregnated, first in one room, then another. In addition they used creolin by sprinkling it around the rooms, and a solution of the same in the washing of clothes and bedding. He says he believes, by these methods, they simply eliminated the disease germs and put an end to its existence.

One unexpected result has come out of the experience. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis have for several years been sufferers with that common complaint, catarrh. They both are apparently completely cured, a result, Mr. Davis thinks, of breathing the formaldehyde fumes so long, these being deadly to all germ life, while not harmful to human beings.

During all this experience it is safe to say very few people of Mena ever suspected that there was a smallpox case in the city.

3,000 SIGN THE PETITION

Railroad Employees and Business Men Ask for Rate Increase.

Little Rock, Aug. 22.—All the employees of the Rock Island, who had been canvassing for signatures to the petition asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant the railroad the right to make an increase in freight rates, made their reports in this city yesterday.

The exact figures were not obtainable yesterday afternoon, but it was given out that the railroad employees who signed the petition number about 2,000 and the other citizens and business men something over 1,000.

This number represents the employees of the Rock Island lines in Arkansas and in Memphis, and also the business men and other citizens of the towns along those lines.

The petition with its 3,000 Arkansas and Memphis signatures will be forwarded to the Interstate Commerce Commission in a few days.

It is understood the same petitions are being circulated among the employees of the Kansas City Southern.

POLK COUNTY GOOD FOR HIM.

W. K. Partridge, who with his wife and baby, have been living at Hodgkins, Ok., recently sent to Polk county for their health. They went to Eagleton, and Tuesday, with R. Dusenbury, Mr. Partridge walked to Mena in three hours. He says he is gaining a pound a day on Polk county climate, food and water.

FOR BUYING VOTES

EX-CONGRESSMAN SIBLEY OF PENNSYLVANIA ARRESTED ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

SPENT \$42,500 FOR NOMINATION

Now a Republican But in 1896 Was Almost Nominated by Democrats for Vice President—Spent at Rate of \$400 for Every Vote in District.

Franklin, Pa., Aug. 24.—Joseph C. Sibley, ex-congressman, who withdrew as a candidate for congress on the Republican ticket in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district, was arrested late at night on a warrant charging "conspiracy to defraud voters."

Mr. Sibley was released on his own recognizance to appear before a justice of the peace at Warren, Pa., August 26.

The arrest came a few hours after Mr. Sibley had announced his withdrawal from the congressional race. According to his own figures, filed in obedience to the legislative act requiring a public account, Mr. Sibley spent \$17,000 in Warren county to gain his nomination and in the entire district \$42,500, which, according to population, averaged \$1 a vote.

Three Others Were Named. In the warrant under which Mr. Sibley was arrested three other politicians in the Twenty-eighth district also are charged with conspiracy to defraud voters. They are Charles Cranfill, D. M. Howard and George M. Dunn.

The information against Mr. Sibley was made before Justice Perry of Warren by Constable Walter Page of the same city. Page secured the warrant and served it on Mr. Sibley late at night at Mr. Sibley's home here in the information Frank M. Taylor, secretary to Mr. Sibley, is also named as co-defendant.

GAVE HIM HEALTH AS THE REASON.

Mr. Taylor was arrested, but neither of the two was required to go to Warren nor to give bail, the constable releasing them on their own recognizance. Mr. Sibley denied himself to interviewers. In the statement issued, when Mr. Sibley announced his sudden withdrawal from the congressional race, he said that ill health alone was responsible for his giving up the contest. It is said by close friends of the ex-congressman that Mr. Sibley is suffering from acute heart trouble and has not left his home for some time. His enemies say he resigned in an effort to head off an investigation of his campaign expenditures.

Mr. Sibley is a manufacturer and farmer and reputed to be a millionaire. He was elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth congresses and as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth congresses and re-elected to the Fifty-ninth congress by a large majority. In the Democratic national convention of 1896 Mr. Sibley received the largest number of votes on an effort for the nomination of vice-president, but wired the convention to withdraw his name.

BUNCOED ON BAD SEED

Farmers Planting for Broom Corn Find Sorghum, Kaffir Corn, Milo, Maize, Etc.

Special to The Star.

Cove, August 23.—Several of our broom corn boosters are badly torn up over the way their crops are turning out. Instead of having a good grade of Dwarf broom corn they have a sorry mixture of sorghum, kaffir corn, milo, maize and mostly nothing. These farmers were growing the crop for the Shipping, Canning and Manufacturing Company of Mena, and planted and cultivated it according to the instructions of Manager J. L. Gates. One planter has nearly 40 acres in the mixture and several others have from 5 to 10. Some of them have been to see Mr. Gates and he informs them that it will probably be necessary to proceed against the seed company that furnished the alleged broom corn seed.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH

B. S. Kirby, Defeated for Nomination for Sheriff of Lee County, Assassinated.

Little Rock, Aug. 20.—Reports reached here today that the unsuccessful candidate, at the Democratic primary held in April, for sheriff of Lee county, was assassinated late yesterday while riding along a road several miles from Marianna.

The assassin was hiding in a cane-brake and shot Kirby in the forehead, killing him instantly. Bloodhounds have been put on his trail but have not yet been successful in locating him.

AWNING MADE IN MENA.

A fine new canvas awning has just been put in front of the Woodruff Jewelry Company and Mena Sporting Goods Company stores. The awning is a Mena product, having been made and put up by R. Davis.